

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I'm not going to take a lot of time but I just want to call your attention to the fact that this bill calls for an expenditure of \$25,000 to perform work that has already been done, to try to provide some funding for the College of Law, I believe, to write an opinion on water transfers. The work has been done. We don't need it. It is an unnecessary waste of money. It is easy to spend money when the bank is running over, but the time is going to come again when you are short of cash. I have seen a number of red votes up here this morning. This is \$25,000 down the tube, ladies and gentlemen. You absolutely don't need it and you ought to kill the bill. I now I ask your unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, would you read the bill.

CLERK: (Read LB 710 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is shall LB 710 become law? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: (Read record vote as it appears on pages 2655-56 of the Legislative Journal.) 34 ayes, 13 nays, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 710 passes. LB 739.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion. Senators McFarland and Hall would move to return the bill for purposes of striking the enacting clause.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Hall and I have made a motion to strike the enacting clause on this bill for obvious reasons. If this were a bill that, in fact, paid back to the citizens and taxpayers of Nebraska the money that they paid in the tax increase under 773, I would fully support it. I would be in favor of it. I would argue on behalf of it. I might even sign on as a co-sponsor of it. The problem with this bill is that it does not give the money or the tax relief to the persons who paid the tax increase. It's plain and simple